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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 5,006,245 issued to Yukishita on April 9, 1991;
- B. U.S. Patent No. 5,064,534 issued to Busch et al. on November 1, 1991;
- C. PCT Application Publication No. WO 01/23307 published by WIPO on April 5, 2001;
- D. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 852 222 published by the EPO on July 8, 1998; and
- E. Swiss Patent No. 339 888 published by the Swiss Patent Office on July 15, 1959.


The above-listed prior art A-E are cited in the Search Report completed August 25, 2004 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 04 00 6410 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Though the prior art E is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of X's and A's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the

requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
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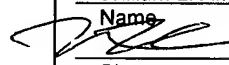
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